(b) whether the Company had any offers from anybody to work it or to take it on lease or to purchase it;

(c) if the answer to question (b) is in the affirmative, how many such offers there were and what the nature of such offers were?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a), (b) and (c). Vide answer to question No. 41.

Olarikkara Aided School.

45. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) when was grant first given to an aided school at Olarikkara under the management of David Cheriankandath Kada;

(ii) what are the names of the neighbouring schools and how far is each of them from this school;

(iii) what was the report of the Inspectress of Schools with regard to the necessity of this school;

(iv) were there any complaints about this school from the managers of the neighbouring schools; if so, from whom and what was the nature of the complaint;

(v) is the Manager David Cheriankandath Kada of the Olarikkara School the same individual known as C. R. Devassi, the Parvathiam of the village;

(vi) was the acting Parvathiam C. R. Devassi made permanent when the Diwan Peishkar got orders of the Government sanctioning his prosecution;

(vii) had Mr. C. R. Devassi encroached on poramboke lands when his house was constructed at Aranattukara; how was that matter closed?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(i) In Chingam, 1103.

(ii) Malayalam School, Arimpur, Saraswathi Vilasom Girls' School, Chettupuzha St. Anne's Girls' School, West Fort; Malayalam Girls' School, Aranattukara and St. John's School, Aranattukara—all these are more than a mile distant from the Olarikkara School.

(iii) The school is not in the jurisdiction of the Inspectress.

(iv) Yes, from the Manager of the Saraswathi Vilasom Girls' School, Chettupuzha. The objection was that the strength of his school would be affected by the opening of the new school.

(v) The department had no necessity to inquire about the identity of the two names and no enquiry was therefore made.

(vi) The question does not arise as no Parvathiam was specifically ordered to be prosecuted.

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(vii) The records show that a small bit of margin of demarcation was leased to him.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know the exact distance of each of these schools from the Olarikkara Aided School?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—What do you mean by 'exact distance'? Is it in miles or furlongs? All these are more than one mile away. Do you want the distance in miles, furlongs and inches?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—From the answer it is seen 'all these are more than a mile from the Olarikkara School.' I want to know the exact distance.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—More than a mile would mean, a mile and two furlongs, a mile and four furlongs, or some may be two miles.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So some may be more than two miles.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—May be.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—That is not my question. My question is how far is each of these schools from the Olarikkara School.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—They are situated in varying distances.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So exact distances cannot be given.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Exact distances in miles, furlongs and inches cannot be given.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether the Inspectress of Schools had submitted a report about this school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—In the answer it is given that the school is not in the jurisdiction of the Inspectress.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was she asked to enquire, and whether she has submitted a report? Whether there was a report from the Inspectress?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I do not know whether the Inspectress has referred to this school in her report. I do not remember.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Has she not submitted that this school is not necessary?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Strictly this school is not within her jurisdiction. Further she is not allowed to look into this.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Are not girls admitted into Boys' Schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Boys are admitted into Girls' Schools also.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— I affirm that the Inspectress was asked to enquire and report, and she reported to the Director of Public Instruction that this school was not necessary. I want to know whether the Department (Government) denies that.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—She has no jurisdiction.

Deputy President.—He said he does not remember having asked the Inspectress to submit a report after enquiry.

Mr. A. B. Salem.— Why this parley and fencing?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.— May I know how many schools, I mean the strength of how many schools, are affected by the starting of this school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Is it a supplementary question, Sir?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja — It is a supplementary question.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai .— Of what?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja. Of part (4) of question No. 45

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The answer that is given here is 'Yes, from the Manager of the Saraswathi Vilasam Girls' School, Chettupuzha. The objection was that the strength of his school would be affected by the opening of the new school.'

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know how is the strength of the other schools affected?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The strength has not been affected. I went to the schools myself.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The answer to part (5) of my question is 'The department had no necessity to inquire about the identity of the two names, and no enquiry was therefore made.' I wanted to know whether these two individuals are the same persons. Was any enquiry made after this question reached him?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Inspector has been asked to report.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Whether it has come, and if it has come, what is the report?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It has not come.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is a Government servant allowed to start an aided school?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes. There is no objection.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—No objection?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, no objection.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—With reference to part (6), was Mr. C. R. Devassi ordered to be prosecuted by the Diwan? Will the Revenue Member inform me ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There were orders issued first when Mr. Damodara Menon was Acting Diwan Peishkar. Do you deny that?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No *Parvathiam* was ordered to be prosecuted. The *kaikars* of a church were ordered to be prosecuted.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I say C. R. Devassi was ordered to be prosecuted when Mr. Damodara Menon was Acting Diwan Peishkar.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was he made permanent while the correspondence for his prosecution was pending?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In the usual course. In the order for prosecution no *Parvathiam* was ordered to be prosecuted.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Acting *Parvathiam* C. R. Devassi was ordered to be made permanent when the Diwan Peishkar got information that Government has ordered him to be prosecuted?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Whether it will be a supplementary question, I do not know. You see the man was confirmed in the usual course of business.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—While the Diwan ordered that he should be prosecuted.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—To the best of my recollection no particular *Parvathiam* was ordered to be prosecuted.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was there a recommendation from the Diwan Peishkar that he should be prosecuted?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I do not remember whether this particular man was recommended to be prosecuted. No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My question was this: 'Had Mr. C. R. Devassi encroached on poramboke lands when his house was constructed at Aranattukara; how was that matter closed?' The answer is 'The records show that a small bit of margin of demarcation was leased to him.' Am I to understand that there was an encroachment, and subsequently it was assigned to him ?There is no straight answer so far as that

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part is concerned. How do you say assigned to him? Was it not *Poramboke* land that was encroached by him?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I can answer that. But I shall have to spend a lot of time. The Hon'ble Member knows very well what a bit of demarcation means. No explanation from me is necessary for that. Therefore, having explained as to what a margin of demarcation or encroachment is, I shall deal with the matter. I have no objection to give an explanation. The Hon'ble Member, I know, is in possession of the full particulars. So there is no necessity to waste the time of the House like this.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The question is has he encroached. Yes or no?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The term 'margin of demarcation' has two meanings. That is to say encroachment can be if he is in occupation of the land. It may be taken as an encroachment. It may be a margin without the man's possession. It may be eliminated and leased to him and he may be allowed to occupy. There are thousands and thousands of cases like this. If there is any one who knows it well, it is the Hon'ble Member representing the Land-holders.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Why was it included in this property? You do not give a straight answer to that question.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The answer may be put in this way. He was found to have encroached upon a margin of demarcation. After inspection and settlement it was found to be a margin of demarcation, and he was allowed to occupy.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That is a straight forward answer, and most convincing too.

Muslim Educational Committee.

46. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what functions have been assigned to the Muslim Educational Committee which they have formed?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Committee is advisory to the Department in matters connected with Muslim Education.

Condition of certain bridges in the Poyya Panchayat.

47. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received a communication from the President of the Poyya Panchayat, stating that the two bridges in the Poyya-Mala road are in such a condition that danger of collapse may be apprehended and so steps should be

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